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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

To the FCC,

I am a user of Sonic. Until Sonic came along, the only provider of a fast internet service was Comcast. Essentially, Comcast had a monopoly and would raise its price each year well beyond the inflation rate.

Sonic's service is just as effective and at a lower price. It includes an additional telephone service. I had ATT as my telephone provider for years. In recent years, I have experienced the ATT charge for basic service more than doubling. Additionally, when making a call just outside my zone to my now deceased elderly mother, ATT charged twenty cents a minute while my long distance provider would charge two-thirds less/minute for a call to France.

I need fast internet service because there is more than one user and it is vital to my work.

Please do not act to stifle broadband competition by dismantling key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act as desired by USTelecom who represents companies that in many parts of the country operate as if they are monopolies.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rick Baum